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Re: suggestions for claim amendment

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Mary,

See attached text.

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Suggested alterations to claims:

- In claim 64, change "claims" to "claim" in line 2 to correct grammar.
- In claims 67, 68, and 72, remove "or said isolated complementary polynucleotide that hybridizes to same". This limitation has lack of antecedent basis, lacks written description (there is no functional limitation associated with the polynucleotide), and there is no definition of the hybridization conditions.
- In claims 73-75, remove "or an isolated complementary polynucleotide that hybridizes to same". This limitation lacks written description (there is no functional limitation associated with the polynucleotide) and there is no definition of the hybridization conditions.
- In claim 79, it is unclear what "said polynucleotide sequence" refers to in claim 65. Does it refer to "An isolated polynucleotide", "a nucleic acid sequence which encodes a polypeptide" or "a target polynucleotide"?
- In claim 80, remove recitation of deletion of internal regions. This limitation lacks written description as the nucleic acid reads on allelic variants that have not been described.